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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, this Information Disclosure Statement in connection with the above-identified application is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b):

- ☐ within three months of the filing date of this application (not a C.P.A.);
- ☐ within three months of the date of entry of the National Stage;
- ☒ before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits; or
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A copy of each non-U.S. document identified on the attached Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B is attached, however, in accordance with Official Gazette Notice dated August

5, 2003, copies of the U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.

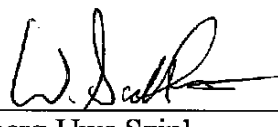
Foreign Patent Document 1 relates to a butterfly valve for controlling air supply. Document 2 relates to a throttle valve regulator device. Their relevance is believed to be clear from the attached German Office Action (Non-Patent Literature Document 1). Accordingly, no further comment with regard to the disclosures of these documents is believed to be required. Please note that the United States equivalent (US 6,581,569) of DE 100 24 426 A1 cited in said Office Action has previously been filed in an Information Disclosure Statement.

It is respectfully requested that the attached documents be considered and officially cited, and that the Examiner initial a copy of Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B, and return them to the undersigned to indicate that the documents have been considered.

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